

# Expert Review

**Ellen Baker**

**No. BJC/06**

**Date of Birth:** **Code A**

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Mrs Baker was eighty at the time of her admission to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 7 November 1990.

She had a previous history of epilepsy, osteoarthritis and ischaemic heart disease.

Mrs Baker was admitted from home under the care of Dr Peters. The referral noted that Mrs Baker had a venous ulcer on her left leg and the nurse was to continue dressings.

On admission she was noted to have three episodes of angina which was reduced by use of GTN.

Mrs Baker continued to deteriorate on 8 November 1990 complaining of chest pain and profuse sweating. She was seen by Dr Peters and prescribed 5mgs of Diamorphine intravenously.

Despite this medication and continued oxygen therapy there was no improvement in her condition and she died the following morning at 10.35 a.m.

The expert opinion is that the death was consistent with acute myocardial infarction which was treated appropriately. Part of that treatment included a small dose of Diamorphine which was therapeutically indicated.